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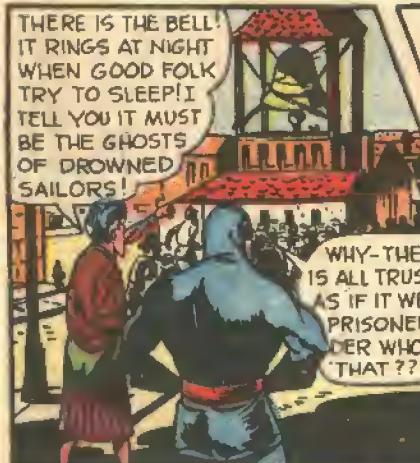
BLUE BEETLE

AND THE "MYSTERY OF THE TOLLING BELL"

IT ALL STARTED WITH A LITTLE NOTE OF COMPLAINT SUCH AS ANYONE MIGHT RECEIVE IN THE MORNING'S MAIL! BUT IT STARTED BLUE BEETLE, IN REALITY DAN GARRET, ROOKIE POLICEMAN, ON ONE OF THE MOST BAFFLING CASES OF HIS CAREER---IN THE "BELL WHICH REFUSED TO STOP RINGING"! ---



BLUE BEETLE



BLUE BEETLE

AS NIGHT FALLS THE BELL TOLLS-



THE TOWN AWAKES, WON-
DERING CAN BLUE BEETLE
STOP THE GHOSTLY
HANDS AT WORK ????



THOSE MEN!-TOLLING THE
BELL! I'LL DROP THE
CALLING CARD OF
BLUE BEETLE
BEFORE I
TAKE THEM
WHERE THEY
BELONG!!



THEY- THEY PAID NO ATTEN-
TION TO THE SIGN OF BLUE
BEETLE! AM-AM I SLIPPING?



MAYBE YOU WON'T TAKE
FRIGHT AT BLUE BEETLE'S
SIGN- BUT LET'S SEE
IF YOU CAN IG-NORE
HIS SWINGING
FISTS! WHA-?
I'M PUNCH-
ING RIGHT
THROUGH
THEM!!!



THEY- THEY'VE DISAPPEARED!
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SO HERE YOU ARE!
THE MIGHTY BLUE
BEETLE! JUST STANDIN'
HERE AND LOOKIN'
AT THE BELL YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO STOP
RINGIN'! STAND-

MIKE, WAIT!
BLUE BEETLE
COULDN'T--

BLUE BEETLE--
HELP ME! NO SOONER
DID I TOUCH THE
BELL THAN IT
GRABBED ME!!!
HELP!

JOAN VENTURING CLOSER
IS SUDDENLY IMPRISONED
BY THE BELL--- STOP CLOWN-
ING, MIKE! HELP!
I'M CAUGHT TOO!

THERE'S SOME-
THING BEHIND
ALL THIS! THERE
MUST BE!!!

THEY'RE RIGHT!
THE BELL'S
GRIPPING
ME LIKE
A STEEL
VISE!!!

I CAN'T BE BEATEN
NOW! TOO MUCH
DEPENDS ON IT!
I'LL TRY TO MAKE
THE BELL SWING
FASTER! FASTER!
FASTER!

THEY'RE FALL-
ING TO THEIR
DEATH! THE BELL
HAS WON OVER
BLUE BEETLE!

BLUE BEETLE'S MIGHTY EFFORT FORCES
THE BELL TO HURL ITS CAPTIVES OFF---

THERE! FREE
AT LAST!

BUT WE'RE
FALLING!

BLUE BEETLE



BLUE BEETLE

LOOK! PROF. DEBUNKER HAS JUST COME TO THE TOWER AND I'M GOING TO PUT THE GOING UP TO THE BELL!

I KNEW IT WAS THAT RASCAL ALL THE TIME!

I'LL LEAP AHEAD OF SEE THAT YOU, THE BELL AND SEE YOURSELF DON'T THAT PROF. DEBUNKER GET AWAY EITHER! ER DOESN'T GET AWAY!!



PROF. DEBUNKER'S GONE! BUT THOSE FOUR SAILORS ARE BACK! WE'LL SEE WHETHER I FIGHT THIN AIR THIS TIME!

LOOK---IT'S THE SIGN OF BLUE BEETLE!!!



SO YOU RECOGNIZE THE SIGN?

STOP!
WE GIVE
UP!
UGH!

I-I-SWEAR IT'S THE TRUTH! A MASKED FIGURE HIRED US-GAVE US THE CLOTHES-TOLD US TO TIE UP ANYONE WE FOUND HERE-AND-AND RING THE BELL!

YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO LEARN THE ANSWER TO THAT-HA-HA-HA!



BLUE BEETLE



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'BLUE BEETLE'

BLUE BEETLE

In
"ANONYMOUS
ATOM!"

GANGLAND DISCOVERED
A NEW RACKET. JOAN
MASON FOUND OUT HOW
EASY IT IS TO GET
ATOMIZED AND THE
BLUE BEETLE REALIZED
HE HAD A JOB TO DO
THAT WAS COMPLETELY
IMPOSSIBLE... BUT HE
DID IT!



DAN GARRETT, ROOKIE COP,
THOUGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH
JOAN MASON... BUT...

SO SHE STOOD YOU UP! HAR-HAR! THE GREAT ROMEO!

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

RED DONAHUE! THE GANGSTER!
AW, SHE WOULDN'T!
THERE MUST BE A REASON!

NICE OF YOU TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME, MISS MASON... AND THANKS FOR THAT LITTLE LOAN OF THOSE FILES!

SURE... AND THANKS FOR THE INTERVIEW AND DONATION TO THE MILK FUND... BUT, ER... LET'S GO DOWN THIS STREET...



THE NEXT MORNING...

'BLUE BEETLE'



'BLUE BEETLE'

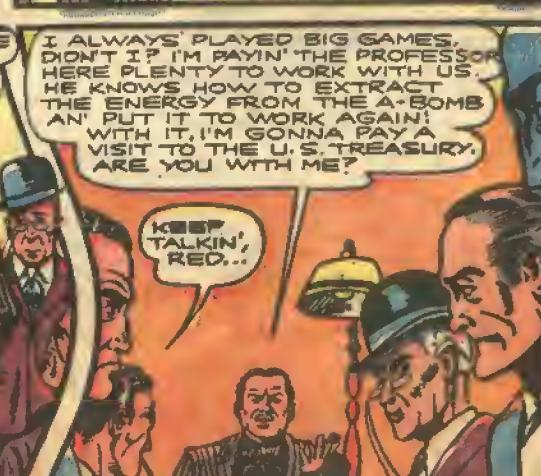
MEANWHILE, RED GLOATS IN HIS NEW ROLE OF "BENEFACTOR"!

SOME GAL THAT MASON... PLAYIN' ME UP LIKE A SAINT! MILK FUND... FEEDIN' BABIES... THAT'S NICE... VERY NICE... BUT...

BUT THE LAUNCHING OF THE LATEST A-BOMB SHARES THE NEWS...

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. IF THAT THING EVER BREAKS LOOSE, IT'LL DRY US ALL UP INTO BEANSTALKS!

YEAH! IF THEY DON'T CONTROL IT, PITTY THE EARTH... BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?



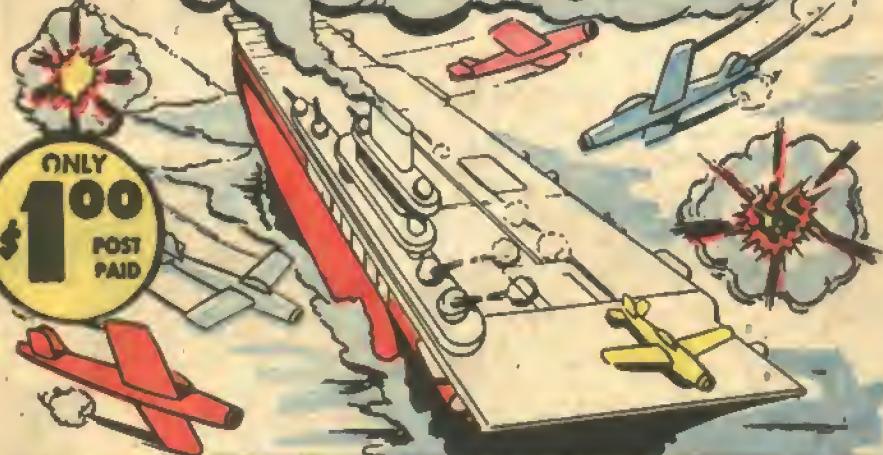
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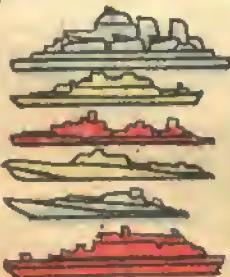
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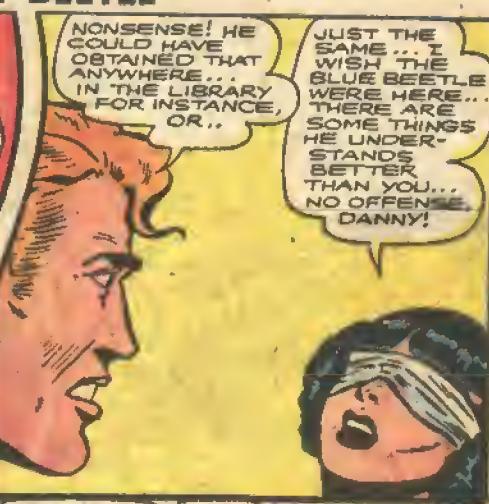
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'BLUE BEETLE'

AND AT DAN GARRETT'S HOME...

DAN, WHAT'S EATING YOU? STUCK TO THAT RECEIVING SET LIKE GLUE. LISTENING TO BROADCASTS THAT ARE MEANT FOR THE BLUE BEETLE! IT'S EAVESDROPPING, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

FIND THE CODE
INTERESTING,
THAT'S ALL!



MEANWHILE, DONAHUE AND HIS MOB ARE BUSY EXTRACTING ATOMIC ENERGY FROM THE RECENTLY EXPOSED ELEMENTS WITH THE AID OF POWERFUL, YET, EXQUISITELY DELICATE MACHINERY DESIGNED BY THE PROFESSOR...

MY WORD! LOOK AT THE CHEMICAL REACTION OF THE SEA!



BUT THE ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES ARE NOT SO EASILY OVERLOOKED...

CAPTAIN TO CREW... COMPASS NEEDLE LOSING DIRECTION... ABANDON SHIP...



AT A NEARBY AIRFIELD...

ALL MEN REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING HEADWIRES... ALL PLANES LAND ON MAIN RUNWAY... RADIO GOING DEAD... WARNING... WARNING...



WHILE ALONG A MAJOR FREIGHT LINE...

CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT... POSITIVELY NOTHING WRONG AND WE SUDDENLY WERE BLOWN UP!



MEANWHILE...

MIKE'S BOREDOM PROVED VERY CONVENIENT FOR THE BLUE BEETLE THIS TIME! AND BEFORE I PICK UP JOAN'S TRAIL, I'VE GOT TO HELP OUT IN THE CITY!



'BLUE BEETLE'

SHE'S GOING TO CRASH! GIRDERS TORN LOOSE!

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD! HELP!

SOMETHING WRONG! I CAN'T FOLLOW ANY DIRECT COURSE! NEITHER CAN THE OTHER CARS!

THAT SKYSCRAPER! IT'S GOING TO TOPPLE! MILLIONS WILL BE CRUSHED, UNLESS I DO SOMETHING!

THE AIR IS SO CHARGED WITH RADIACITY, I CAN DO ABOUT ANYTHING THAT TAKES MUSCLE POWER!

FUNNY, THE EFFECT IT HAS ON ME! FUNNY AND WONDERFUL, I CAN ACTUALLY HOLD THIS SHIVERING TOWER OF STONE!

TREMOR HAS PASSED! NOW I REALLY GOT TO WORK... IF I CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE TO START FIRST!

UNCHECKED AND HAPPILY ASTOUNDED BY THEIR NEW POWER, THE GANG CONTINUES...

PAPERS SURE MAKE A SPLASH OUTA OUR WORK, HUH, BOSS?

BUT YOU SHOULD SEE THE REACTION RADIACITY HAS ON THE BLUE BEETLE!

EXTRA
ARMY DECLARES
STATE OF
EMERGENCY
LUDLONIC WIND
SWAYS COAST...
SCIENCE PREDICTS
END OF WORLD!

'BLUE BEETLE'

WELL, I'VE SENT ALL KINDS OF MESSAGES TO THE BLUE BEETLE OVER THIS TWO-WAY RADIO OF MINE, BUT HE HASN'T REPLIED ONCE! WONDER IF HE HEARD ME?



OH, BROTHER! AND I BORROWED THIS CAR FROM THE DAILY BANNER, WHERE I USED TO WORK!

EVEN THE RADIO IS SMASHED! NOW I'M REALLY ON MY OWN. THE BLUE BEETLE WON'T EVEN KNOW I LEFT MARKERS ALONG THE WAY TO FIND ME.

BUT JOAN IS WRONG... BROKEN TWIG, TAKE LEFT TURN! ONLY JOAN WOULD LEAVE THAT MARKER, AND I KNOW... I TAUGHT HER!

'BLUE BEETLE'

WELL, I'M CERTAINLY
IN A FIX NOW. GUESS
THIS ENDS THE HUNT
I WAS ON...

OR DOES IT! WHAT LUCK...
A PROJECTOR! COULD THIS
BE...



YEAH..LET'S TAKE A LOOK...



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AN AMAZING NEW

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JIM NORMAN
& below

NOW)
1 galiod
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HE-MAN LOOKS
POPULARITY and
STRENGTH

LOOK
at ME and
MY PALS!
What a
Pitiful lot of
SKINNY
WRECKS like YOU
We were BEFORE
We mailed coupon!

Yes, PAL—NOW

YOU

MAIL THE
COUPON
BELOW

and Get a NEW
HE-MAN BODY
for Your OLD
SKELETON FRAME!

YOU CAN WIN
\$100.00
AND A BIG 15"
TALL SILVER CUP

LIKE WE
DID!



NOT Pretend
you don't
have to be SKINNY,
WEAR or PLABBY my
more—just mail the
FREE coupon below as I
did! But DO IT NOW—
This may be YOUR LAST
CHANCE!

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Buddy
YOU

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PICTURE-
PACKED
COURSES

FREE If you
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as I did!

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Did

May be
LAST CHANCE
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BEFORE
NOW

**HOW TO
MIGHTY CHEST**

I gained

70 lbs. of
MIGHTY MUSCLE

Won a BIG SILVER TROPHY
and made the football team.
I was a 90 lb. Skeleton before,
says Cleveland.

I changed myself from
this ANEMIC SHRIMP
to this MUSCULAR HE-MAN

I added 6 inches
to each ARM
10 Inches to my CHEST
says Ken Grimm.

I GAINED
53 lbs.
OF SHAPELY
POWER-
PACKED
MUSCLES

I was a
Skinny,
Scared,
Girl-Shy
Skeleton.
Now My
Body is
The Best
in the Neigh-
borhood. Pal
—Ow as I
DIE—Man
The Creeps
Below.
AFTER
B. HIRSCH
BEFORE



**HOW TO MOLD A
MIGHTY ARM**

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MAIL NOW! SAVES YOU YEARS and DOLLARS!

'BLUE BEETLE'

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND,
BOSS! SHE WAS SNEAKIN'
'ROUND AN' ...

WAIT'LL
DANNY
CATCHES
UP WITH
YOU...

WELL-WELL.
THE MILK FUND
BABY. LOOKIN'
FOR MY
AUTO-
GRAPH?

CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES.
SISTER, THIS PROJECTOR IS
COOKING WITH ATOMIC
ENERGY. YOU
SHOULD GET A
GOOD TAN...

HELP!
HELP!
I'M BURN-
ING!

GOOD TAN...

EL-P! 1998

HELP!

URN-

1960-1961

A man with a mustache, wearing a red cap and a red coat over a patterned shirt, looks surprised. A speech bubble is positioned above his head.

BUT... THEY CAN'T SEE
ME, THE SPARKS
BLIND THEM! THIS IS
ALMOST TOO EASY!

FUNNY THING ABOUT DYING,
YOU IMAGINE THE DARN-
DEST THINGS... FOR IN-
STANCE I'D SWEAR I SEE
THE BLUE
BEETLE!

UMMONING ALL OF HIS MIGHTY
STRENGTH BLUE BEETLE
TURNS THE ARC OF LIGHT
UNTIL IT'S FOCUSED ON THE
GANGSTERS . . .

WAH...WHAT
IS IT? CAN'T
SEE!

ME CLOTHES
IS BOININ'!

A comic book panel showing a woman in a white dress looking shocked and holding her hands up. A man in a blue suit is on the left. A speech bubble from the woman says "WAH...WHAT IS IT? CAN'T SEE!" and another says "ME CLOTHES IS BOININ'!" Below her, a panel says "A FEW MINUTES LATER..." and "BLUE BEETLE".

A NECKTIE PARTY, BOYS!
JUST TO MAKE SURE
YOU'RE STILL HERE WHEN
THE POLICE ARRIVE!

WHO PUT ME IN
RED, DONAHUE'S
CAR? WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
DAN! HOW DID
YOU GET HERE?

BLUE
BEETLE
THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
WELCOME
THE POLICE
HE SUGGE
ED I SHO

JOAN, I'LL MAKE IT A
BONUS IF YOU'LL
ONLY WRITE UP
THAT STORY!

USIN' OUR OWN
TISS TO BIND US,
AN' WE CAN'T
SEE TO FIGHT!

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WAIT... NO ONE KNOWS IT BUT ME... AND FOR NOW I CHOOSE TO TELL IT TO DAN... PRIVATELY!

USIN' OUR OWN TIES TO BIND US,
AN' WE CAN'T SEE TO FIGHT!

A woman with dark hair, wearing a red dress, is driving a car. She is looking towards the right side of the frame. The interior of the car is visible, including the steering wheel and dashboard. The background shows a blurred landscape, suggesting motion.

A panel from a comic book. A man in a suit and hat is speaking to a woman in a red dress. The woman is holding a small object. The man's speech bubble reads: "IT'LL WAIT... NO ONE KNOWS IT BUT ME... AND FOR NOW I CHOOSE TO TELL IT TO DAN... PRIVATELY!"

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"FIGHT FOR LIFE"

The City Room was in a sweat. Everyone walked as if on egg shells. The Old Man was having another of his famous brainstorms. No one knew where the axe would fall. I could see him waving his hands in the air, barking at Nella, his excitable secretary who seemed always on the verge of hysteria. She ran out of his office and headed straight for me. I hunched lower in my seat and made with the typewriter.

Nella tapped me on the shoulder. "There's no paper in your typewriter," she said.

"I must've burned it up. I was working on such a hot story," I said brightly.

"Quit stalling," she said. "The Old Man wants you—and you're it!"

The City Room made clucking noises to the cadence of my steps as I walked into the Old Man's office. I felt as if I were doing the last mile.

"C'mere, Mr. Ex-War Correspondent!" The Old Man beckoned.

"Goodby, Boss," I started to retreat. "It's been nice knowing your O.K. on my expense accounts."

"Sit down, Itchy Foot!" he yelled.

I stopped. "Aren't you firing me?" I asked. "Because I called you 'Ex-War Correspondent'? That was just to remind you that you're still a parasite on the payroll drawing a salary for no good reason—yet."

When the Old Man said "yet" I knew more was coming, so I sat down.

"Listen, Dan," he said, sitting on the corner of the desk, so he could stab me with his finger for emphasis. "The war is over . . . at least the fighting is over. And people are forgetting. Forgetting about the war. Forgetting why and how it was won. It's our business to remind 'em!"

I started to leave, but he jabbed me, and I stayed put. "What do you want me to do?" I said. "Start another war?"

"You've been all over the world. On all the fronts. With all kinds of outfits. I want you to write a series of stories depicting brave men doing brave deeds."

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"They were all brave."

"Some were braver than others."

"Those were the ones who never came back."

The Old Man jabbed me again. "I want the real stuff from you, Dan. Eye-witness stories of the men that won this war. I'll run it under a two column head on the front page. How's that?"

"On one condition."

"Name it."

"What I say goes."

"Agreed." The Old Man turned around. "Nella—take this down! Put in the punctuation later. Okay, Dan, start talking!"

"One of the bravest men I ever saw," I began, "wasn't even a soldier. That is, he didn't have a uniform. His name was Mr. Binkie. He was a citizen of London. He was very sorry about the trouble he was causing, trouble arising from the fact that Mr. Binkie refused to die!"

"I was doing a tour of English hospitals at the time, and I was visiting the London Hospital in Whitechapel. One of the nurses, a sweet kid named Nancy with deep, misty eyes, took me aside as I was about to leave and whispered: 'You're one of those writer-chaps, aren't you?'"

"When I said Yes, she continued:

"'Then you can't . . . you mustn't . . . go without seeing Mr. Binkie!'"

"I followed her up to the top floor. Mr. Binkie was in a front room: alone. The room was neat and clean and white—just like a hospital in peaceful America. But this was London during the Blitz. And the sun streamed in through a big jagged hole in the ceiling, a grim reminder of the Luftwaffe's latest visit.

"'We can't move him,' Nurse Nancy said apologetically, indicating Mr. Binkie.

"I didn't know for sure whether Mr. Binkie was alive until I saw his lips just barely move, and heard a whisper float out, one word . . . one letter at a time it seemed. Then

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BLUE BEETLE

he stopped altogether. And I sat there watching him, while the nurse told me his story:

"Mr. Binkie, rejected for Military Service, was just an ordinary little man. In ordinary times, he would have done nothing more exciting than take his family to Seaside—the English Coney Island. But this was war, and Mr. Binkie with his high, white collar and celluloid cuffs contributed his services as a member of a Civilian Demolition Squad.

"One day, he had volunteered to help remove a time bomb which was wedged against the door to an Anderson shelter. The sole occupants of the shelter were a six year old girl and her Scottie pup. Since this particular bomb required at least seven men to remove it carefully enough to prevent a *contact* explosion, Mr. Binkie and his squad, seven altogether, volunteered.

"Let's not keep the young lady waiting on such a fine day," Mr. Binkie said. The tension was relieved for a moment. The men moved cautiously to remove the bomb's detonator, after they had first dug carefully around the bomb and shifted it gingerly to one side. Mr. Binkie entered the shelter and found the little girl, silent and numb with fear, clutching the little Scottie to her.

"Let's take the little doggie for a walk," smiled Mr. Binkie, steering the little girl outside where she stood in evident relief.

"One of the men in the squad straightened up from the bomb as Binkie came out: 'This is a new one from Jerry. We can't detach the bloomin' fuse!'

"Mr. Binkie patted the little girl on the head and said: 'You must run to your Mama now; all is safe. There she is—behind the ropes, waiting for you.' He watched her until she had run to safety. Then he and the squad maneuvered the time bomb, a green-stained capsule with rusty circular iron bands around the nose, to the top of a bed of sand in the back of a truck. Mr. Binkie wiped the sweat from his forehead and said: 'Let's be sensible about this, m' lads. There isn't enough room in the truck for all of us. And I'm just learning to drive. This is my chance to practice a bit.'

"The men did not look at Mr. Binkie as he stepped into the cab of the truck. But when he was bent over the gear shift, they all tried to sneak into the back, where the dreaded bomb lay on its bed of sand. Most of them made it, before Mr. Binkie started. When he looked back and saw them, one of the men said:

"Just coming along for the ride, Mr. Binkie."

"Mr. Binkie winked back at them, then started the car. The awaiting A.R.P. men hastily flung back the ropes to let them go by. The truck was in the clear and away from the crowd, when one of the men in the back who was minutely examining the bomb said:

"Gor-Blimey! I think it's going to blow, Mr. Binkie."

"Without hesitation, Mr. Binkie turned into a square block which had been flattened by previous raids. He turned the wheel sharply and stepped heavily on the gas pedal. The truck groaned with suddenly increased power, swerved crazily, leaped over the curb, and careened across the sidewalk into an empty area, just as the bomb exploded with a deafening detonation.

"Everyone was killed instantly in the gigantic white hot flash... everyone, *except* for Mr. Binkie.

"At first he had been laid in the hospital ward on the ground floor, just to the left of the morgue, reserved for dying patients. But Mr. Binkie did not die. He refused to die. There is no other explanation for the spark of life that refused to go out. He was finally removed to the front room on the top floor, where he was the sole occupant.

"Nurse Nancy looked at me. 'You should have been here,' she said, 'when I first came on the case. Dr. Towers was on duty. He forgot to mark the chart after examining Mr. Binkie. So I handed it to him. Dr. Towers' voice was angry as he hopelessly flung down the chart.'

"What do you want me to write? That I don't know what's keeping him alive?"

"Nurse Nancy smiled. That's the way it's been since Mr. Binkie came here. The doctors get angry because they can't do anything to help him. And they stay mad because he just hangs on, despite the pain."

"Mr. Binkie's lips were moving again. The nurse and I moved closer to him. I bent over, my ear close to his lips, trying to catch what he was saying. All I heard was a feeble something that sounded as if it were coming from the bottom of the deepest well in the world. Something that sounded like:

"Can't—leave—now. There's—work—to—be—done!"

The Old Man poked me again, bringing me back from my London reverie to the present with a start.

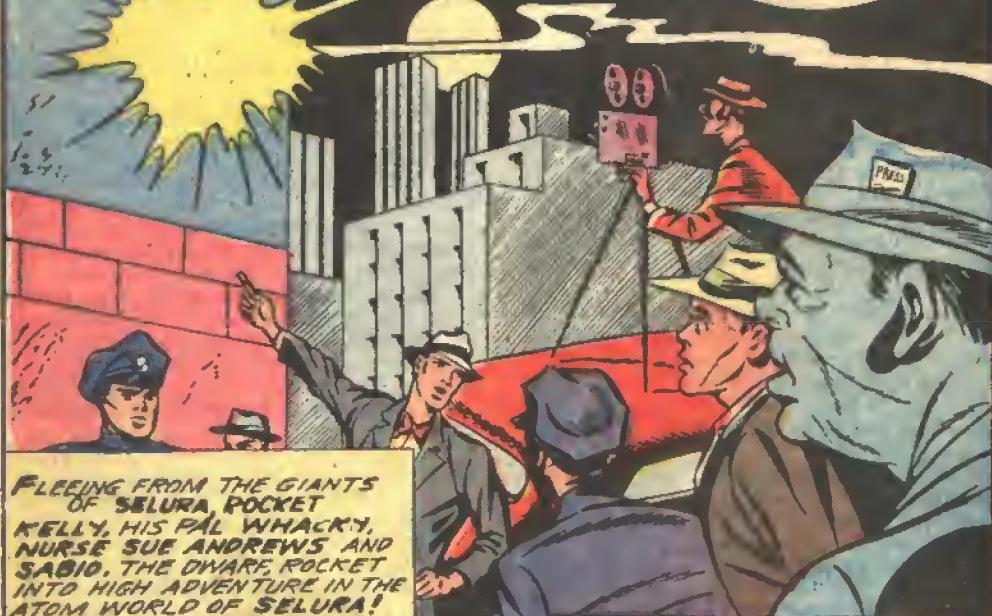
"Well," he yelled. "Don't sit there like a mummy! Where's the surprise? Where's the angle?" His expression showed the expectation of further enlightenment.

"There isn't any," I said. "This is a *true* story."

'BLUE BEETLE'

ROCKET KELLY

"ATOM WORLD
OF SELURA"



FLEEING FROM THE GIANTS
OF SELURA, ROCKET
KELLY, HIS PAL WHACKY,
NURSE SUE ANDREWS AND
SABIO, THE DWARF, ROCKET
INTO HIGH ADVENTURE IN THE
ATOM WORLD OF SELURA!

THE PLANE
CAN'T MAKE IT!
WE'LL PILE UP
ON THOSE
CLIFFS!

THERE'S A
NARROW PATH
THROUGH THOSE
CLIFFS! LET'S
TRY FOR IT!

WHERE DO
YOU FIGURE WE
ARE, SABIO?

'TIS PASSING
STRANGE! NEVER
HAVE I HEARD
SPEAK OF THIS
LAND!

'BLUE BEETLE'

THIS IS THE ATOM-
WORLD OF SELURA!
WE ARE ALL SLAVES
OF DR. MALIK!

I'LL BE A
MONKEY'S UNCLE!
THEY'RE ALL WIRED
FOR SOUND!

BRUGHT BEFORE THE EVIL GENIUS,
DR. MALIK---

YOU MUST KNOW THAT I
AM SUPREME! I DO WHAT I
PLEASE. AND IT PLEASES ME
THAT YOU SHALL BE MY
GUESTS!

WHY DO THE
SLAVES STAND
FOR THAT EVIL
DR. MALIK?

HE HAS LEARNED HOW TO
SMASH THE ATOM AND HE
CONTROLS IT'S ENERGY!
HE CONTROLS ALL POWER
AND USES IT FOR HIS OWN
SELFISH ENDS, NOT FOR
HIS PEOPLE!

DR. MALIK SHOWS OFF HIS POWER TO
THE EARTHMEN---

I BUT PRESS THIS
BUTTON AND YON SIDE
OF MOUNTAIN IS
BOMBARDDED BY
ATOMS OF
AIR!

THOSE POOR
MEN WILL
BE
CRUSHED!

LATER...

AND I NOTICED THAT THE
BOMBARDMENT OF ATOMS
CAME FROM THE DEAD
VOLCANO IN THE
MOUNTAIN RANGE!

IN A
ROOM IN
MALIK'S
PALACE---

SO THAT'S WHERE
THE ATOM
SMASHER IS
HIDDEN!

THE NATIVES SAY
MALIK DESTROYS
THEM AT WILL WHEN HE
NO LONGER NEEDS THEM!
IF THEY BUT KNEW
THE SOURCE OF
HIS POWER---

I TURN THE ATOM
DEFLECTOR THIS WAY!
NOW, WHEN HE TURNS ON
THE POWER, THE ATOMS
WILL BE DISSIPATED IN
SPACE!

TELL THE
POOR GUYS WE'RE
ON THEIR SIDE,
HEY, ROCKY?

BAD BOY
MALIK IS IN
FOR A
SURPRISE!

'BLUE BEETLE'



'BLUE BEETLE'

TIME PASSED RAPIDLY --- ROCKET KELLY WAS HAPPY IN HIS WORK, BUT SUE AND WHACKY WERE HOMESICK --- UNTIL ROCKET KELLY CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF CONTACTING EARTH WITH THE TERRIFIC POWER TORN FROM THE ATOMS BY THE MACHINE LOCATED IN THE VOLCANO!

I'LL SHOOT THE LIGHT RAYS IN NARROWER AND NARROWER CIRCLES UNTIL WE HIT A TARGET ON EARTH!

RIGHT!!



I'LL BET IF THEY USE THAT NEW PLASTIC STUFF, RADA-

I GET IT! HERE GOES -- B-E-N-D-
L-I-G-H-T-
R-A-Y-S ...

MEANWHILE -- ON THE PLANET EARTH --

LOOK! LIGHT FLASHES FROM OUT IN SPACE! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



IN THE OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN PRESS SERVICE

IT'S THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY! LIGHT RAYS FROM OUT OF SPACE, FLASHING ON A BUILDING IN ROCKEFELLER PLAZA!

ZOWIE!

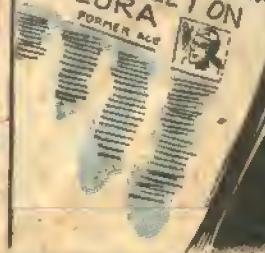
THE NEXT DAY ...

IT'S MORSE CODE --- W-E-
A-R-E --- O-N-
S-E-L-U-R-A-

WHAT DO YOU KNOW! IT'S A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH FROM ANOTHER PLANET!



DAILY BUGLE EXTRA
ROCKET KELLY ON SELURA
FORMER ACE



'BLUE BEETLE'

PROMINENT SCIENTISTS MEET TO STUDY THE PHENOMONON---

A BAND OF PLASTIC RAYOLA AROUND THE BUILDING WOULD CATCH THE RAYS, TRANSMIT THEM, AND SEND THEM BACK INTO THE ORIGINAL LIGHT STREAM!



AND WHEN A MESSAGE IS RELAYED FROM EARTH TO SELURA---

I'M RECEIVING A MESSAGE! A MESSAGE FROM HOME!



E-A-R-T-H-C-A-L-L-I-N-G...
W-E-R-E-C-E-I-V-E-D-Y-O-U-R
C-O-M-M-U-N-I-C-A-T-I-O-N...

SAY HELLO
TO MY UNCLE
BEN IN
BROOKLYN!



GET A LOAD OF THIS,
SUE! ROCKET KELLY
HAS BEEN APPOINTED
FIRST AMBASSADOR
TO SELURA!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER---

THE MESSAGE FROM EARTH
READS--"HOW CAN A
GROUP OF SCIENTISTS
REACH SELURA?"
DO YOU THINK
THEY CAN
MAKE IT?"

WHY
NOT?
WE MADE
IT!



AND AT A MEETING OF
A PROMINENT SCIENTIFIC
SOCIETY IN NEW YORK---

ROCKET KELLY INFORMS US
THAT WHEN SELURA APPROACHES
EARTH AT IT'S CLOSEST, A
TWISTER OF AIR

CURRENT FORMS--



SELURA MAKES PREPARATIONS TO AID THE SCIENTISTS

WE MUST DEVELOP
THIS ATOMIC MAG-
NET SO IT CAN
DRAW A ROCKET
SHIP TO
SELURA!



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INTERPLANETARY
FLIGHT!



WHEN AN OCEAN LINER REPORTED THE
SELURA TWISTER---

THAT IS THE TWISTER
THE ROCKET SHIP "NEW
YORKER" HAS BEEN EX-
PECTING! WIRELESS
AT ONCE!

AYE
AYE,
SIR!



THERE SHE GOES!
THIS FLIGHT WILL
MAKE HISTORY!



INSIDE THE NEW YORKER:
WE'RE RUNNING WILD...
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH
POWER TO BREAK THE
HOLD OF EARTH'S
GRAVITY! WE MUST
DO SEVEN MILES A
SECOND TO ESCAPE!



WE'RE
SLIPPING
BACK TO
EARTH!

NOTHING
CAN SAVE
US FROM
CRASHING!



BUT SUDDENLY THE SHIP
STRAIGHTENS UP---

WE'RE IN THE PATH
OF A POWERFUL
ATOMIC MAGNET
ON SELURA!



WE'RE HITTING
500 MILES A
MINUTE! ROCKET
KELLY HAS
SAVED US!

AND WHEN THE ROCKET SHIP "NEW
YORKER" HAS LANDED ON SELURA----

WELCOME, STRANGERS!
WELCOME TO THE ATOM
WORLD OF
SELURA!



WHAT NEW ADVENTURES WILL BEFALL
ROCKET KELLY AND HIS COMPANIONS,
AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS
ON SELURA, NOW THAT COMMUNICA-
TIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED
WITH EARTH?

Imagine THAT!



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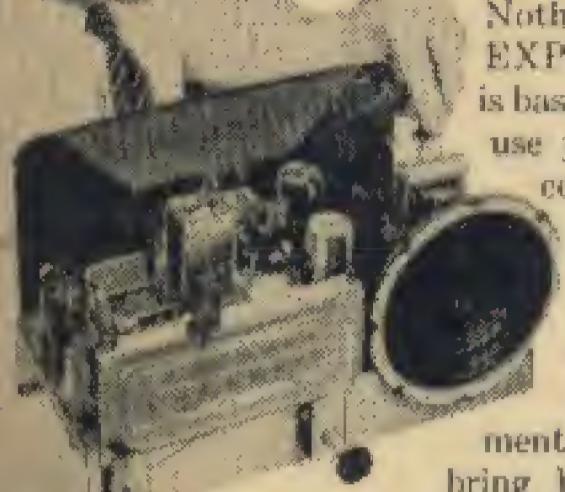
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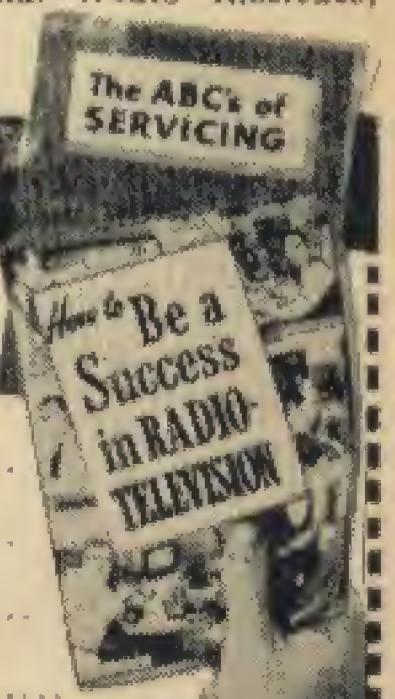
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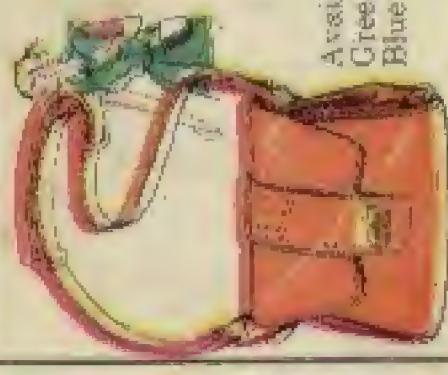
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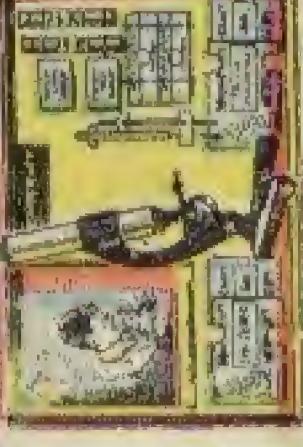
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